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1.	The 23 Tank Brigade is now stationed at Mil Zone of Prague (051/L78; 051/L88) and under In August 1949, the Brigade left Strasice because of unsatisfactory barracks. This the war-time "I Independent Czechoslovak At Liberation Army, generally known as the West	r the 3 Division at Kolin (051/M38). (N50/L34) near Rokycany (N50/L24) unit is based organizationally on rmoured Brigade" of the British	1		
2.	The 23 Tank Brigade consists of three battalions, each having two companies:				
	1 Battalion: Companies 1 and 2. 2 Battalion: Companies 3 and 4. 3 Battalion: Companies 5 and 6 (cadre).  Other units of the Brigade are:  Hq. Company (VR - Velitelska Rota)  Ordnance Company (PR - Parkova Rota)  Quartermaster Company (HS - Hospodarska Sprava)  Reserve Battalion (NP - Nahradni Prapor)				
3.	Personnel includes:				
a. 23 Tank Brigade. Commanding Officer: Col. Fachner (fnu), formerly of CZ at Kolin Deputy Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. Hora (fnu). Chief of Staff: 1st Capt. Klement Edvard Classified documents: Capt. Balcar (fnu) CZ: Cadet Officer Skurka (fnu)					
		: (fnu) : (fnu) (fnu); during the war he was an NCO			
/	of the "Western Brigade"; is a Communist.  Hq. Company Commander: Capt. Brazik (fnu), also in charge of communications Quartermaster Company Commander: Lt. Neckar (fnu)  Ordnance Company Commander: Jiri Prokop, until the summer of 1949				
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Reserve Battalion Commander: Lt. Col. Hora (fnu)

In charge of tank repairs in Ordnance Company: 2nd Lt. Karel Lolec; served with "Western Brigade" during the war and is a non-Communist.

In charge of other repairs in Ordnance Company: 2nd Lt. Josef Velicka; served with "Western Brigade" during the war and is a non-Communist.

- The 23 Tank Brigade has the following armament:
  - a. 1st and 3rd Company each:
    - 8 Cromwell tanks, 75 mm cannon
    - 2 Cromwell tanks, 95 mm howitzer
  - b. 2nd and 4th Company each:
    - 8 Cromwell tanks, 75 mm cannon
  - c. Hq. Company:
    - 4 Cromwell tanks, equipped as commander's tanks
    - 7 Humber armored cars (British, Radio Wark 19, Bren gun) for reconnaisance
    - 7 Stuart tanks, 37 mm. cannon, Browning machine gun
    - 7 International half tracks (5 ambulances, 1 track outfitted as a blacksmith shop, I track outfitted as a mechanics shop)
  - d. Ordnance Company:
    - 1 recovery truck for Cromwell tanks
    - 1 recovery truck for Panther tanks
    - 2 Ward-La Frances for recovery (wheeled vehicles)
    - l Busing for recovery (wheeled vehicle with crane)
    - 5 3 ton Austin trucks with trailers for supply
    - 2 Fordson trucks for supply
    - 2 Ford trucks for supply
    - 1 other truck for supply
    - 1 jeep
    - 1 motorcycle
  - e. In addition, the 23 Tank Brigade has the following vehicles:\*
    - 80 Cromwell tanks including reserve tanks
    - 14 Stuart tanks including reserve tanks
    - 6 "ST-3" (with original Eska engines) for training drivers
    - 24 Bren gun carriers (Universal and Lloyd) including a battery charging carrier
    - 10 jeeps
    - 2 Tatra cars
    - 1 Humber car
    - 1 DKW car
    - 1 KDF car
    - l Ariel motorcycle
    - An unknown number of 3-ton trucks (Ford, Fordson, Dodge, Austin)
  - f. All wheeled vehicles have high mileage readings; some of them have rebuilt engines. Sixty percent of the tanks are cut of order, with their engines at Avia for repair. Twenty percent of the tanks have new or repaired engines supplied by Avia.

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- The following arms are held:
  - a. By each company:

2 Mark 26-45 machine guns An unknown number of Mark N sub-machine guns, which have frequent failures when firing. An unknown number of Mark N rifles

b. By each company for emergency:

10,000 rounds for rifles 10,000 rounds for machine guns 8,000 rounds for sub-machine guns

c. By the reserve company and kept in tanks:

64 cannon rounds 22 boxes of 225 rounds each for machine guns Skoda Wark 45 hand grenades Smoke grenades Ammunition for light machine guns

The Ordnance Company has the following shops, which are very well equipped:

Metal turning Blacksmith Tinsmith

Electrical Welding Carpenter

- In May 1949, when the 22 Tank Brigade was deactivated, the 23 Tank Brigade received 40 well-trained mechanics from it. In June 1949, when the 24 Tank Brigade was deactivated, the 23 Tank Brigade received 15 Cromwell tanks from ita
- At Milovice there is a special tank testing unit whose tasks are to test new tanks and parts, to break in newly rebuilt PZ-4 tanks, and to carry out tests on new tank guns in the presence of factory experts. This testing unit was created during October 1948. Orginally it was an unofficial organization of the Ordnance Company of the 23 Tank Brigade. Later, ten mechanics from each tank brigade were sent to this unit. The commander of the unit is Major Karel Dvorak; deputy commander is 1st Capt. Josef Bilek. Attached to the unit is 1st Capt. Janocko, a Slovakian expert who was formerly attached to CKD Prague.
- The unit is independent and accountable directly to the MNO (Ministry of National Defense). An exception was made when from ten to fifteen tanks of the T-34 type were delivered from the USSR. They were broken in secretly at an unknown location (probably near Dedice (050/M45) near Brno (P50/N40) under the command of Lt. Col. Emil Dolejsek of the Army Corps of Olomouc (P50/N85).

Comment: The original report is not clear. This may mean total vehicles the 13 Tank Brigade or additional vehicles to those listed above.

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